



Region C
Legislative Update: 80th Regular Session 2007

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Senate Bill 3
Article 1: Environmental Flows

- Determine environmental flow standards for rivers, bays and estuaries
- Establish amount of unappropriated water to set-aside
- Create process to reduce amount of water available under a new water right to protect environmental flows



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- **Environmental Flows Advisory Group**
 - Basin and Bay Area Stakeholders Committees
 - Science Advisory Committee



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Priority Basins:

- (1) **Trinity** and San Jacinto Rivers - **Galveston Bay**
- (1) **Sabine** and Neches Rivers - associated bay
- (2) Colorado and Lavaca Rivers - Matagorda and Lavaca Bays
- (2) Guadalupe, San Antonio, Mission, and Aransas Rivers – associated bay systems
- (3) Nueces, Rio Grande, and Brazos Rivers - associated bay systems



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Dates:

- Nov. 1, 2007 – Advisory Group appoints Stakeholders Committees for priority 1 basins
- Nov. 1, 2007 – Advisory Group determines geographical extent of each river basin and bay system for determining environmental flow standards
- March 1, 2008 – Stakeholders Committees appoint Expert Science Teams for priority 1 basins



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Article 2: Water Conservation, Planning, and Other Provisions

- **Voluntary Land Stewardship**
- **Water Conservation Advisory Council**



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Article 4: Unique Reservoir Sites and Sites of Unique Ecological Value

- Study Commission on Region C Water Supply

6 Members: 3 appointed by Region C
3 appointed by Region D



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Article 5: Legislative Joint Interim Committee

- Receive Information on Water Infrastructure Needs
- Receive Information on Costs and Funding Options
- Receive Analyses and Recommendations on Funding Gaps
- Receive Information on Adequacy of Water Fees
- Identify Revenues and Fees for State Water Programs and Data Collection



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Groundwater

- New Districts

- 1 - Colorado County
- 2 - Lavaca County
- 3 - McLennan
- 4 - Northern Trinity (Tarrant County)
- 5 - Panola County
- 6 - Tablerock (Coryell County)
- 7 - Upper Trinity (Montague, Wise, Parker and Hood Counties)

- Data – SB 662



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Other Bills of Interest

- SJR 20 - Authorizes TWDB to issue up to \$250M in General Obligation bonds for EDAP. Election date will be Nov. 6, 2007.
- SB 1436 National Flood Insurance Program to TWDB from TCEQ. Also includes SB 1418 (Spatial reference center at TAMU-CC).



TWDB Exceptional Item Funding-Agency Operations

Biennial Amount \$9,943,891

• EDAP 1 Administration	\$975,852
• Municipal Water Conservation	\$596,020
– Restores funding cut in 2005	
• Restoration of DWSRF Match	\$753,800
– TWDB drinking water program funds restored	
• Groundwater Management Areas	\$622,489
– Funds TWDB staff for GMA process	
• GR for Regional Planning	\$5,000,000
Most GR Funding restored (temporarily was from WAF)	
• Colonia Self-Help Program	\$774,891
– Local force account labor is used	
• New Statewide EDAP	\$1,220,839



TWDB Exceptional Item Funding – Debt Service

Biennial Amount \$55,998,156

• EDAP I Final Bond Issuance	\$1,085,856
• State Participation Debt Service	\$4,250,000
• Statewide EDAP*	\$4,037,918
• State Water Plan	
-State Participation	\$9,941,250
-EDAP*	\$4,430,104
-Water Infrastructure Fund (WIF)	\$32,253,028
	\$46,624,382*

*Contingent upon passage of SJR 20 and outcome of Nov 7 election

**Provides debt service for \$756 million to implement SWP projects next biennium*



Article IX Contingent Approval

Biennial Amount \$2,493,485

- **HB4 Conservation** \$549,464
 - Funds for TWDB staff; support of conservation committee & programs

- **SB3 Environmental Flows** \$1,944,021
 - New funds for TWDB staff & support of committees and science panels to establish instream flows and make recommendations